**MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI:** May I know whether the delicate reason will not be applicable to the head-quarters?

**RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY:** No sir. The Dewan himself knows the reasons.

**PRESIDENT:** As a matter of fact one constable is in the family way. Such are the reasons that might arise.

**MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN:** May I know what the qualifications are for the enlistment of women as constables?

**RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY:** The same academic qualifications as are prescribed for men are equally applicable for the entertainment of women constables.

*Conductors in the State Transport Department.*

10 * **MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of conductors employed in the State Transport Department; and

(*b*) the number of persons among them who have not passed any Government examinations?

**MR. E. G. SALTER** (*Director of Transport*): (*a*) 226.

(*b*) 8

**MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU:** ഇതിൽ യഥാർത്ഥ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യത ഇല്ലാതെ എട്ടുപേരെ നിയമിച്ചതായി കാണുന്നു. അതിനു വല്ല പ്രത്യേക കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ?

**MR. E. G. SALTER:** The reason is this. In regard to recruitment of conductors without academic qualification in the State Transport Department, men who had many years of experience acquired in services and those belonging to backward communities were the two points that were considered. When those conditions were obtained in candidates the fact whether they possessed any academical qualification was not taken into consideration. I may add that when I recruited members of backward communities I ascertained their marks in mathematics.

**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHN PILLAI:** May I know whether there is any such rule prescribing that people who do not possess any examination qualification should not be appointed as conductors?

**MR. E. G. SALTER:** There is no hard and fast rule on the matter excepting that there is the general convention which I have referred to. More over the Head of the Department is competent to appoint whomsoever he considers suitable for carrying out the work efficiently.

**MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU:** ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറധ്യക്ഷന് എപ്പോഴും തോന്ന്യാസമായിട്ട് പ്രവർത്തിക്കാമെന്നാണോ ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടത്?

**MR. E. G. SALTER:** No, Sir.

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MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether there are any lady conductors in the Department?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know the reason why nobody was selected from among the women?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Owing to the considerable unemployment among the male population in the State, it was deemed inadvisable to give employment to females. Usually males are regarded as the wage earners of their families and it was not considered reasonable to deprive them of the few opportunities which exist for employment.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: പുരുഷന്മാരോടൊപ്പംതന്നെ തൊഴിലില്ലാത്ത സ്ത്രീകളും ഈ രാജ്യത്തുണ്ടെന്നു മെംബറിനറിയാമോ?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I have no information.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN. What is the minimum examination qualification required for the post of a conductor in the Transport Department?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Subject to what I have stated before, the applicant must have passed the E. S. L. C. Examination. But the Head of the Department reserves the right to employ others without this qualification whenever circumstances justify such a step.

*Checking Inspectors of the State Transport Department.*

11. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Inspectors posted to check the State Transport service between Kottayam and Trivandrum;

(*b*) the salary paid to those Inspectors in Edavom 1116;

(*c*) the number of cases of irregularities which they reported to the Director of Transport for correction or punishment from 1st Chingom 1116 to end of Edavom 1116;

(*d*) the number of such cases which ended in the punishment of the person reported against;

(*e*) the number of such cases, if any, in which the reporting Inspector was warned or punished, and

(*f*) the number of times a through-passenger from Trivandrum to Kottayam has to show his ticket for inspection?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) 14.

(*b*) Rs. 615-15-12.

(*c*) 278

(*d*) 33

(*e*) 1

(*f*) Depends on the number of times the bus is checked by the Inspector.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: In answer to part (*e*) may I know the circumstances under which the Inspector concerned was warned?

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